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State of Maryland, BP Amoco Forge New
Partnership on Solar Schools Program

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Olney, MD (October 28, 1999) - Electricity from sunshine was the focus of an event today at which the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) announced a new partnership with BP Amoco. They have combined efforts to advance the State-led Maryland Solar Schools Program. The program is designed to install photovoltaic (PV) panels on schools in Maryland and teach students about solar energy. BP Amoco and the State of Maryland will jointly equip six Maryland schools with these solar electric panels and provide a solar energy curriculum for each school.

"It's a never-ending source of emissions-free electricity," said MEA Director Frederick H. Hoover. That's why we created the first program of its kind in the nation, and that's why this event marks an important milestone in advancing the use of clean, renewable energy."

According to Mr. Hoover, solar energy is a resource that provides Marylanders with an excellent new choice from which to obtain their electricity while protecting the environment and providing local economic and employment opportunities. The Solar Schools Program provides Maryland students and

their families with hands-on experience with this clean, renewable energy technology.

BP Amoco and the MEA announced their new partnership in Olney, Maryland at the grand opening ceremony of the company's first solar-powered service station in Maryland. Representatives from the State of Maryland, BP Amoco and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) were in attendance as an array of solar panels atop the pump island canopy was officially connected to the station's regular power supply. The solar system will generate up to six kilowatts of electricity, enough to offset a sizable portion of the adjoining store's everyday electricity requirements.

The Maryland Energy Administration and BP Amoco will fund permanent solar energy installations at six elementary and middle schools. Each school will receive a complete utility-connected solar array and a complete solar curriculum designed by BP Amoco, that will also be provided to schools statewide.

The Maryland Solar Schools Program contributes to the outstanding goals of the Federal Million Solar Roofs Initiative, a program led by the U.S. DOE to install 1 million solar PV systems across the country by the year 2010. Maryland was the first state to have a working solar program in place and was the first state and community partner to join the Initiative.

The Program also supports Governor Parris N. Glendening's Smart Growth Initiatives which promote the preservation of the State's precious natural resources, development of new business and employment opportunities in established communities, and a general improvement in the quality of life for current and future generations of Marylanders. BP Amoco's subsidiary, BP Solarex, manufactures PV panels in its Frederick, Maryland plant.

"Maryland continues to take the lead in efforts to preserve and protect our most precious natural resources," said Governor Glendening. "The Solar Schools Program will provide schools and

communities with cleaner, healthier air and provide students with valuable lessons about energy and the environment."

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